

Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) Instruction in Educator Preparation Programs

The Office of Educator Preparation has been working with Educator Preparation Programs throughout the state to ensure that programs of study leading to licensure include instruction in TESS. Each program has designated a TESS coordinator that has the responsibility to ensure the following actions set forth in ADE Policies are carried out:

- Ensure programs of study include instruction in TESS ([Ed Prep Policies](#) 7.01.5, 8.04.6);
- Ensure candidates are appropriately placed with TESS proficient cooperating teachers or mentors ([Ed Prep Policies](#) 7.08.3, 8.02.1, 8.03.5) in schools with appropriate evaluation systems ([Ed Prep Policies](#) 7.08.5);
- Ensure all faculty, including adjunct faculty, are appropriately trained in TESS ([Ed Prep Policies](#) 7.08.9)

The Office of Educator Preparation worked with the TESS coordinators and created a [set of competencies](#) to be included in the curriculum for Educator Preparation Programs. The competencies include only awareness training on TESS Law and Process. School districts must ensure that teachers receive the complete TESS Law and Process training through the local education cooperative or local district.

The following Education Preparation Program Providers have submitted alignment of their professional education courses to TESS. Click on the links below to access these alignment documents.

Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL)

- [APPEL Year 1 Matrix](#)
- [APPEL Year 2 Matrix](#)

Arkansas State University

- [Elementary Education Courses](#)
- [Middle Childhood Courses](#)
- [Business Technology 4-12](#)
- [Secondary Education Courses](#)
- [Broad Range Courses](#)
- [Special Education Courses](#)

[Central Baptist College](#)

[Harding University](#)

[Henderson State University](#)

[Hendrix College](#)

Lyon College

- [Elementary Education](#)
- [Secondary Education Courses](#)
- [Broad Range Courses](#)

[Ouachita Baptist University](#)

[Philander Smith College](#)

[University of Arkansas at Fort Smith](#)

University of Arkansas at Monticello

- [Elementary Education Courses](#)
- [Middle Childhood Courses](#)

University of Central Arkansas

- [Elementary Education Courses](#)
- [Secondary Education Courses](#)
- [Master of Arts\(MAT\) in Teaching Courses](#)
- [Special Education Courses](#)
- [STEM Courses](#)

[University of the Ozarks](#)